FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27TH JANUARY 1899.

Diseases.	M.	F.	Total.	Diseases.	M.	F.	Total.
Plague	6	2	8	Plague	103	104	207
Cholera	...	...	...	Cholera	...	...	...
Small-pox	...	...	...	Small-pox	..	...	...
Fevers	...	3	3	Fevers	2	4	6
Bowel-complaints	6	3	9	Bowel-complaints	4	11	15
Suicide	...	...	...	Suicide	...	...	...
Wounding	...	...	...	Wounding	...	...	...
Accident	...	...	...	Accident	...	...	..
Snake-bite or killed by wild beasts...	...	...	...	Snake-bite or killed by wild beasts.	1	...	1
All other causes	8	27	35	All other causes	14	30	44
Total ...	20	35	55	Total ...	124	142	273
Births during the week ...	18	7	25	Births during the week ...	13	6	19

P. H. BENSON, M. B., *Surgeon, Lt.-Colonel, Sr. Surgn. & Sany. Comr. with the Govt. of Mysore.*

SEASON REPORT OF THE BANGALORE DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1899.

Rain-fall—Nil.

States of the crops—The standing crops were generally reported to be in good condition. Paddy, Bengal-gram and potatoes were sown. Paddy, ragi and horse gram were harvested.

Public health—Fair.

Mortality.—There were 3,878 deaths in the month of November 1898, against 3,516 in the month preceding.

Cattle.—1,274 head of cattle died during the month, of these 184 were killed by wild beasts.

Lands.—Lands assessed at Rs 160-8-0 were taken up for cultivation.

K. P. PUTTANNA CHETTY, *Dy. Comr.*

SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

Notice, dated, Dharwar, 21st February 1899.

On and from the 26th February 1899, trains on the Bangalore-Nanjangud Section will run to the following timings :—

Read from top. Time.		Time.		Stations.		*Read from bottom.* Time.		Time.	
H.	M.	H.	M.			H.	M.	H.	M.
10	0	21	0	D.	Bangalore	A.	18 7	6	5
16	51	6	0	A.		D	10 55	21	35
17	10	6	30	D.	Mysore	A.	10 17	21	17
18	12	7	32	A.	Nanjangud	D.	8 45	19	45

NEVILLE PRIESTLEY, *Traffic Manager.*

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

Notification, dated 8th February 1899.

No. 5. Tenders are invited for the exclusive right of the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking, in the Province of Coorg for 3 years, *viz.*, from the 1st April 1899 to 31st March 1902. The tenders for the above must be made subject to the following conditions :—

2. A deposit of Rs. 100 must accompany the tender. The covers should be superscribed with the words,

"Tenders for the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking," and must be sent to the Commissioner of Coorg on or before 12 noon, on Monday the 20th March 1899, after which no tender will be received.

3. The tenders shall specify the amount which the parties tendering undertake to pay to Government annually as rent for the exclusive privilege of sale of the said articles. The rent will be payable quarterly, in advance, that is, on 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January of each year.

4. The tenders will be opened by the Commissioner, or in his absence, by one of the Assistant Commissioners at Mercara at noon, on Tuesday the 21st March 1899, in the presence of those applicants who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders, will, however, rest with the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, who reserves to himself full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason. The deposits made by the applicants whose tenders are rejected will be returned to them.

5. The applicant whose tender may be accepted by the Chief Commissioner shall be required to deposit within 3 days a further sum in cash, or currency notes, or Government Promissory notes to make up together with the deposits previously made, a sum equal to half of the annual payment or rent guaranteed, such deposit being eventually credited towards the instalments due for the half year, ending with 31st March 1902, and further, he shall, within 10 days of the acceptance of his tender by the Chief Commissioner, execute an agreement in the prescribed form on stamp paper, binding himself to conform to the rules prescribed under the Opium Act I of 1878, and shall give security for the due fulfilment of the engagement entered into by him, and if he fails to do so, the deposits already made shall be forfeited to Government and the contract shall be otherwise disposed of.

6. In the event of the contractor failing to pay up any instalment on the date on which it falls due, the Commissioner of Coorg shall be at liberty at once to cancel the contract, and to confiscate the deposit, the lease being re-sold at the contractor's risk.

7. The number of shops to be opened for sale of the articles aforesaid in Coorg is restricted to three, *viz.*, one at Mercara (Muhadeopett), one at Virajendrapett and one at Somvarpett.

8. No other shops than those specified in paragraph 7 above, shall be opened except under the special sanction of the Commissioner.

9. The persons appointed by the contractor to vend by retail at the several shops above enumerated must be furnished by him with licenses approved and countersigned by the Commissioner of Coorg according to the forms prescribed by law.

10. All opium required for vend must be procured through the Commissioner of Coorg on payment of the price fixed by the Chief Commissioner, and on the expiry of the contract the incoming contractor shall be bound to take over, if so required by the Commissioner, any opium, preparations or admixtures of opium and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking that may remain unexpended belonging to the former contractor to the extent of 2 months' supply at such price and in such quantities as the Commissioner shall adjudge.

11. Further particulars may be ascertained on application to the Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.

K. D. ERSKINE, *Captain.*
Secy. to the Chief Commissioner.

NOTICE.

A reward of Rs. 100 is offered by Mr. Birur Patre C. Rudrappa, 'Chikmagalur, for the recovery of the undermentioned Currency Note, which was lost by him while going through the streets of Chikmagalur.

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